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*News & Information Newsletter*



*Dear Kingsbury,*

*Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!*

### 90 Miles On 90

The 90 Miles On 90 Event is more than 90 miles of yard sales and farmers markets set up for browsing and **shopping** along US 90 from Sealy to McQueeney and all towns in between—Columbus, Glidden, Weimar, Schulenburg, Flatonia, Waelder, Harwood, Luling, McQueeney, ... and Kingsbury!

It's coming up Friday and Saturday June 4-5. There will be booths set up in the downtown Kingsbury area and all up and down Hwy 90.

So get ready for some shopping and bargain hunting with over 90 miles of "stores" to check out!



**There's A Day For Everything**

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**  
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

**May 23rd** - National Lucky Penny Day, National Taffy Day

**May 24th** - National Yucatan Shrimp Day, National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, Brother's Day, National Scavenger Hunt Day, National Escargot Day, National Wyoming Day

**May 25th** - National Missing Children's Day, National Tap Dance Day, National Brown-Bag It Day, Towel Day, National Wine Day

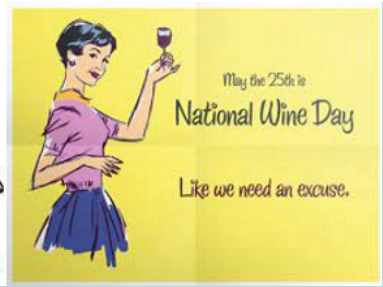
**May 26th** - National Blueberry Cheesecake Day, National Paper Airplane Day, National Senior Health & Fitness Day

**May 27th** - National Cellophane Tape Day, National Grape Popsicle Day

**May 28th** - National Beef Burger Day, National Brisket Day, National Hamburger Day, National Don't Fry Day, National Road Trip Day, National Cooler Day

**May 29th** - National 529 Day, National Paperclip Day, National Coq Au Vin Day





## Kingsbury VFD Bar-B-Q

We are gearing up for the KVFD Bar-B-Q Fundraiser on July 31st!

This is the annual benefit Bar-B-Q which is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department, and held each year on the last Saturday in July.

The day starts with DJ Bo Peep doing his thing from 1 to 5. There will be great food and homemade **desserts**, Raffle for great prizes, games for the kids, Country Store, Live Auction, amusements, Silent Auction, and then a fee Dance Under The Stars.

Bar-B-Q plates are \$11 for adults and children and include delicious smoked beef and the Auxiliary's world famous potato salad! Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 9:00. Eat there and get a couple to go!

The KVFD and Auxilary will be getting together a great group of volunteers to help pull off this event. They will need people to work the serving lines, and to donate items to the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Bring a dessert, slice up meat, cook potatoes, .... there's so much that you can do! Volunteer and be part of a great organization and a great group of people!

Contact [kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com](mailto:kingsburyvfd.aux@gmail.com) for more information.



## Full Flower Super Blood Moon

This Wednesday, May 26th, is the full moon known as the Full Flower Moon.

This full Moon will be the closest full Moon of the year, making it the second of two supermoons—don't miss it! Plus, it will coincide with a total lunar eclipse making it a "Blood Moon" too! (see "Blood Moon" section below)

We use Full Moon names that were used during Native American and Colonial times to help track the seasons. Depending on the tribe, May's Full Moon was called the Full Flower Moon as well as Mother's Moon, Milk Moon, and Corn Planting Moon. The May Moon marked a time of increasing fertility, with temperatures warm enough for safely bearing young, a near end to late frosts, and plants in bloom.

The fool moon in May got the name "Flower Moon" because flowers spring forth in **abundance** this month. The name Milk Moon may come from the fact that May is a time when so many animals bear and begin nursing their young. But cows would not have been included with that group as they are not native to the Americas.



The Ontario Native Literacy Coalition notes that while the Ojibwe tribes of the Great Lakes area called the May full moon a Flower Moon ("Waawaaskone Giizis"), people of the Cree Nation in northern Montana and parts of Canada named it the Frog Moon because this was the time of year frogs became active.

Although many Native American tribes gave distinct names to the full moon, the most well known full moon names come from the Algonquin tribes who lived in the area of New England and westward to Lake Superior. The Algonquin tribes had perhaps the greatest effect on the early European settlers in America, and the settlers adopted the Native American habit of naming the full moons.

As with all full moons, the one in May goes by many names:

- Sioux - Moon When the Ponies Shed*
- Shawnee - Strawberry Moon*
- Mohawk - Time of Big Leaf Moon*
- Hopi - Moon of Waiting*
- Cree - Frog Moon*
- Choctaw - Moon of Mulberry and Panther Moon*
- Cherokee - Planting Moon*
- Apache - Season When the Leaves Are Green Moon*
- Algonquin - Moon When Women Weed Corn*
- Chippewa - Blossom Moon*
- Arapaho - Moon When the Ponies Shed Their Shaggy Hair*
- Cheyenne - Moon When the Horses Get Fat*
- Comanche - Flower Moon*
- Lakota - Moon of the Green Leaves*
- Shoshone - Budding Moon*
  
- Colonial American - Milk Moon*
- Chinese - Dragon Moon*
- Celtic - Bright Moon*
- Medieval English - Hare Moon*
- Neo Pagan - Grass Moon*

Often the moon will look a bit redder in the Northern Hemisphere during warmer months, as the moonlight has to travel through more atmosphere to reach one's eyes. The best times for these effects are usually near the rising and setting times.



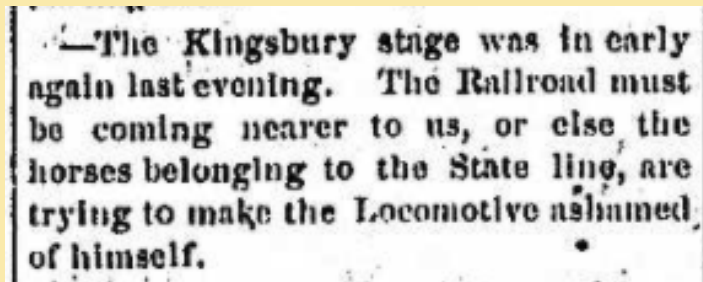
**Kingsbury News Past**

All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury ...



The April 8, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had an item about the Kingsbury stage coming in early *again* an maybe trying to show up the "Locomotive." At that time, the railroad only came as far west as Kingsbury where travelers would then have to take the stage to go any farther.





—The Kingsbury stage was in early again last evening. The Railroad must be coming nearer to us, or else the horses belonging to the State line, are trying to make the Locomotive ashamed of himself.

In other 1876 news, the San Antonio photographers will copy your "old pictures" (if this was 1876, how old was "old" at the time?!), Pentenrieder & Co.'s "Successor" has fishing tackle and music boxes (what a combo!), R.M. Harkess has "dry goods" in Frio City (previously Frio Town and now just a ghost town northwest of Pearsall), and A. Nette the apothecary has your regular drugs and medicines but also "perfumeries" and "surgical instruments" (in case you needed to smell good while using a scalpel).

Also "General" Cooking Stoves won the First Premium award six years in row (1869-1874), C. Bain & Co. has "Four-Horse Coaches" to multiple points that are now ghost towns including "Fort CONCHO" near San Angelo that was abandoned in 1889 (and it only took "57 hours" to get there!), and the G.H.&S.A. railroad has "Two daily trains from Kingsbury".

Elsewhere in 1876, E.B. Wetzstein is a Druggist that has similar items to the previous Apothecary but also has "Chemicals" (what kind of chemicals that would be is a mystery), A Chinese man-of-war ship christened by the "heathen Chinese" as *The Terror to Western Nations* has so many problems it is obviously "bedeviled" and now they have to wait till "the devils leave her", and the *Duchess Farmer* has an "entirely successful" way to preserve butter with its "fresh, rosy flavor". I'd have trouble with my butter since it starts with "three gallons of brine strong enough to bear an egg" and I'm not even sure what that means!

**Photographers.**  
H. L. BROWN, Photographer, 43  
Commerce St. All styles of old pictures  
copied in every finish.  
DORR & JACOBSON, Photographers, 63  
Commerce St. All work warranted. Copy-  
ing from old pictures done. Stereoscopic  
views of San Antonio and vicinity.

**FISHING TACKLE!**  
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**MUSIO BOXES**  
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—Just received—  
AT  
**PENTENRIEDER & CO.'S SUC-  
CESSION.**  
A complete assortment of Fishing  
Tackle, Bird Cages of every  
description, and Musio  
Boxes of different  
prices, from  
**\$7 50 up to \$50.**

**R. M. HARKNESS,**  
Dealer in  
**DRY GOODS,**  
AND  
**GROCERIES**  
**PRIO CITY TEXAS**  
Keeps constantly on hand the best in the  
market, and at the most reasonable rates.  
Mar 13/97

**A. NETTE**  
**APOTHECARY!**  
Has just received a large stock of  
**DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMERIES  
AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.**  
In fact all the leading articles, such as  
**PATENT MEDICINES**  
That are usually kept in a first class  
**DRUG STORE.**  
The stock having been selected by him-  
self for this market.

**"General" Cooking Stoves,**  
**FIRST PREMIUM**  
**SIX YEARS IN SUCCESSION**  
  
**AT THE ST. LOUIS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL FAIR**  
1870 1871 1872  
1873 1874 1875

**C. Bain & Co.'s**  
—LINE OF—  
**FOUR-HORSE COACHES**  
Leave Stage Office, San Antonio  
**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATUR-  
—DAYS—**  
**At 7:45 A. M.**  
For Boerne, Fredericksburg, Loya Val-  
ley, Monardsville, Coughlin's,  
Fort McKavett, Kickapoo  
Springs, Benfield, and Fort  
**C O N C H O.**  
**Good Drivers. Teams and  
Coaches.**  
Time to Fort Concho 57 hours, allowing  
eight hours rest at Fredericksburg.  
Passengers are particularly requested  
to report any irregularities to F. C. Tay-  
lor at San Antonio, or Benfield.  
**A. A. MUNCEY, A'GT.**  
San Antonio, January 7th. 1876. 71ant

**The Galveston, Harri sburg**  
—AND—  
**SAN ANTONIO RAILROAD.**  
  
The shortest line to all points in the  
**NORTH EAST AND WEST**  
This route, now in operation one hundred and  
sixty-seven miles west of Harrisburg, and  
within 44 miles of San Anto-  
nio, offers the  
**SHORTEST, QUICKEST & CHEAPEST**  
**Baggage Checked to Destination.**  
Two daily trains from Kingsbury mak-  
ing close and reliable connection at Harri-  
sburg with trains of the G. H. & H. for Houston  
and Galveston—connecting at Galveston with  
Morgan steamers daily for New Orleans and  
all points in the Northern and Eastern States.  
For Through Tickets or any information re-  
garding rates of freights, or passage, or routes  
apply at the Freight & Ticket Office, near the  
Menger Hotel.  
**E. O. Mensebach, Agent**

**E. B. WETZSTEIN,**  
**Druggist,**  
**CASTROVILLE, TEXAS,**  
Always keeps on hand Drugs, Medicines,  
Chemicals, Perfumery,  
Etc., Etc.  
Physician's Prescriptions carefully com-  
pounded. apr 63m

**A CHINESE MAN-OF-WAR.**  
(Times of India.)  
The heathen Chinese have built a  
man-of-war, and christened her  
The Terror to Western Nations.  
Her career up to the present has  
not been fortunate. There was a  
difficulty in launching her, because  
the Chinese officials declined to  
allow sufficient grease for the  
"ways." When fitted with engines,  
the steam would not come out prop-  
erly, and she was unable to leave the  
docks for the very excellent reason  
that the engines were unable to  
work the screw. When the last mail  
left, the Chinese were considering  
how they can start her. The only  
solution they arrived at finally  
was, that the vessel is bedeviled,  
and that, accordingly, they must  
wait till the devils leave her, before  
she can start on her mission of terror  
against the barbarians of Europe.

**BRINE THAT WILL PRESERVE  
BUTTER A YEAR.**  
Among the many devices for  
keeping butter in a manner that  
preserves the fresh, rosy flavor of  
new, with all its sweetness, is the  
following from the *Buckens Farmer*,  
which is said to be entirely success-  
ful:  
To three gallons of brine strong  
enough to bear an egg, add a quar-  
ter of a pound of nice white sugar  
and a teaspoonful of saltpeter. Boil  
the brine, and, when it is cold, strain  
carefully. Make your butter into  
rolls, and wrap each separately in  
a clean white muslin cloth, tying up  
with a string. Pack a large jar full,  
weigh the butter down and pour on  
the brine until all of it is submerg-  
ed. This will keep really good  
butter perfectly sweet and fresh  
for a whole year. Be careful not  
to put upon ice butter you wish to  
keep any length of time. In sum-  
mer, when the heat will not admit  
of the butter being made into rolls,  
pack it closely into small jars,  
and, using the same brine, al-  
low it to cover the butter to the  
depth of four inches. This excludes  
the air, and answers nearly as well  
as the first method suggested.—Ex.

**Blood Moon**

This month's full Moon coincides with a total lunar eclipse! A lunar eclipse occurs when Earth stands directly between the Moon and the Sun, which results in Earth casting its shadow on the Moon. During a *total* lunar eclipse, the Moon is fully obscured by Earth's shadow, giving the Moon a reddish hue. This phenomenon is where the term "blood moon" comes from.

This total lunar eclipse occurs in the **pre-dawn** hours of May 26 and will only be visible for stargazers in western North America, western South America, eastern Asia, and Oceania. In the U.S., those who are located east of the Mississippi will experience a partial lunar eclipse before the Moon sets below the horizon, and those along the East Coast won't see much of anything, unfortunately. Because the Moon will be so low in the sky during the eclipse, you'll need to find a high vantage point with a clear view of the horizon.

Here in Kingsbury, we will miss part of the partial and penumbral phases (the moon will be below the horizon at that point) but the entire total phase will be visible!

The Moon will enter the outer edge of Earth’s shadow (called the “penumbra”) at 3:47 A.M. and reach the darkest part of its shadow (the “umbra”) at 4:44 A.M.

Penumbral Eclipse begins: May 26, 3:47:39 am  
Partial Eclipse begins: 4:44:58 am  
Full Eclipse begins: 6:11:26 am  
Maximum Eclipse: 6:18:42 am  
Full Eclipse ends 6:25:54 am.



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).



For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather

Roland Merz Mule Cart

Here is a picture of Roland Merz and friends in front of the Winns Red & White on Railway Street with his awesome **mule** and cart. The picture is from the 1940s.

The old visible gas pump (so named because you pumped gas up into the clear glass cylinder where the amount is "visible" before using gravity to let it flow into your vehicle) is ready to dispense fuel to the next customer, but Roland is using pure mule power. Don't you love the fancy curved-spoke wheels on the cart? And I wonder who that is that's peeking out through the store doors?





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Thanks!

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